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## UNH Sidore Speakers Join the Education Discussion

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Across the state and nation this election year, education is making headlines. Politicians and voters debate curriculum, testing, funding sources and teacher shortages. New Hampshire grapples with the so-called Claremont Decision, a Supreme Court ruling that holds the state responsible for providing an "adequate education."

Joining the education discussion this year will be guest speakers in the University of New Hampshire Saul O Sidore Memorial Lecture Series. "Education for the New Millennium" opens Thursday, Oct. 19, with a lecture by Donald Graves, UNH professor emeritus of education.

The renowned teacher, mentor and scholar will discuss "Issues in Education That Won't Go Away" from 12:40 to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building theatre. As the presidential election approaches, Graves will review issues in education, explore various political positions and possible solutions to educational crises.

Graves is an innovator in the field of composition and one of the leaders of the writing process movement that revolutionized the way teachers approach writing assignments and assessment from grade school to graduate school. In addition to volumes of essays, fiction and poetry, Graves' books include the following: "Balance the Basics: Let Them Write" (1978), "A Researcher Learns to Write" (1984), "Discover Your Own Literacy" (1990) and "Bring Life into Learning" (1999).

The Sidore Series continues Thursday, Nov. 2, when Clifford Adelman, senior research analyst for the U.S. Department of Education, presents "Putting on the Glitz: Threats to Integrity in the Representation of U.S. Higher Education." Adelman will address the dangerous dichotomy that exists in media representations of higher education: the would-be heroics of administrators and politicians versus the melodramatic portrayals of the most visible, troubled student populations. The lecture will take place from 12:40 to 2 p.m. in the MUB theatre.

Adelman has authored numerous influential and controversial government reports stressing the educational and work experiences of female, minority and low-income students, in particular. As a research analyst, he identifies trends, develops surveys, and gathers and interprets data on education issues.

The Sidore Series was established in 1965 in memory of Saul O Sidore of Manchester. The series presents programs that raise critical and sometimes controversial issues facing society. It is sponsored by the Sidore Foundation and the UNH Center for the Humanities. All lectures are free and open to the public. The following lectures, scheduled next semester, begin at 12:40 p.m. and will be held in the Memorial Union Building theatre:

- Feb. 22: "Toward a New Story for Schooling." Michael Umphrey, director of the Heritage Project in Montana, a statewide community centered education program.
- March 22: "Race, Inequality and Justice in the U.S.: Some Social-Philosophic Reflections." Glenn Loury, professor of economics at Boston University and director of the Institute on Race and Social Division.
- April 19: "Teaching the Care Tradition." Nel Noddings, professor of philosophy and education at Columbia University Teachers College.

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